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Applicant: Rowe et. al

Title: TURRET POSITIONING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A FIRE FIGHTING
VEHICLE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The Examiner is hereby advised of the existence of the applications listed in the table below which share at least some common disclosure with the above-identified patent application and/or which may serve as the basis of priority or otherwise relate to one or more of the other patent applications in the table below. For completeness, the above-identified application is included in the list.

Atty. Dkt. No.	Serial No.	Title of Application
061300-0207	09/500,506 – U.S. Pat. No. 6,553,290	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0210	09/364,690, now abandoned	Firefighting Vehicle Having Cooperative Control Network With Distributed I/O Interfacing
061300-0211	09/384,393, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,421,593	Military Vehicle Having Cooperative Control Network With Distributed I/O Interfacing
061300-0216	09/774,981 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,757,597	A/C Bus Assembly for Electronic Traction Vehicle
061300-0225	09/927,946 – Published App No. 2002/0065594	Control System and Method for an Equipment Service Vehicle

061300-0229	10/364,683 – Published App No. 2003/0163228	Turret Targeting System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0230	10/325,439 – U.S. Pat. No. 6,993,421	Equipment Service Vehicle With Network-Assisted Vehicle Service and Repair
061300-0231	10/364,905 – U.S. Pat. No. 6,922,615	Turret Envelope Control System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0232	10/364,668 – Published App No. 2003/0171854	Turret Deployment System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0233	10/364,906 – Published App No. 2003/0163230	Turret Operator Interface System and Method for a Firefighting Vehicle
061300-0234	10/326,907 – Published App No. 2003/0158635	Firefighting Vehicle With Network-Assisted Scene Management
061300-0235	10/325,496 – Published App No. 2004/0024502	Equipment Service Vehicle With Remote Monitoring
061300-0246	10/137,585 – Published App No. 2003/0205422	Hybrid Vehicle with Combustion Engine/Electric Motor Drive
061300-0247	10/326,862 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,885,920	Control System and Method for Electric Vehicle
061300-0266	10/460,756 – Published App No. 2004/0039510	Control System and Method for an Equipment Service Vehicle
061300-0272	10/314,918 – Published App No. 2003/0130765	Refuse Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0355	10/402,381 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,882,917	Steering Control System and Method
061300-0361	10/683,878 – Published App No. 2004/0133319	User Interface and Method for Vehicle Control System
061300-0364	10/668,002 – Published App No. 2004/0055802	Refuse Vehicle Control System and Method

061300-0376	10/412,596 – Published App No. 2004/0019414	Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0414	10/419,649 – Published App No. 2003/0195680	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0417	10/420,187 – Published App No. 2003/0200015	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0427	10/668,623 – Published App No. 2004/0069865	Turret Positioning System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0535	10/962,172 – Published App No. 2005/0131600	Control System and Method for a Concrete Vehicle
061300-0617	10/817,556 – Published App No. 2004/0199302	Turret Control System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0621	10/718,051 – Published App No. 2004/0133332	A/C Bus Assembly for Electronic Traction Vehicle
061300-0627	10/903,450 – Published App No. 2005/0004733	Concrete Placement Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0638	10/950,957 – Published App No. 2005/0119806	System and Method for Breaking in an Electric Vehicle
061300-0642	10/950,977 – Published App No. 2005/0114007	Multi-Network Control System for a Vehicle
061300-0643	10/950,978 – Published App No. 2005/0113988	Failure Mode Operation for an Electric Vehicle
061300-0649	10/915,258 – Published App No. 2005/0038934	Status Indicator for an Energy Storage Device for use with an Electric Vehicle
061300-0651	10/972,085 – Published App No. 2005/0113996	Ambulance Control System and Method
061300-0790	11/108,605	Steering Control System and Method
061300-0813	11/113,470	Control System and Method for Electric Vehicle

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

An English abstract for DE 38 43 043 states: “Management method for disaster and environmental protection, distinguished by the following stages: a) an alarm system which is as automated as possible b) verification of the alarm c) information gathering on site d) computer-aided analysis e) production of a computer menu, based on stored information, particularly alarm plans f) displaying the menu to assist decision-making in a centre g) initiation of relief action after decision, and supplementing or correction if appropriate.”

An English abstract for DE 35 09 313 states: “The invention describes an airport fire-fighting tanker vehicle (1). The latter has a continuous chassis frame (8). This is supported via spring devices (9) on a plurality of driving axles (2-5) which can be driven independently of one another by a drive engine (13). An extinguishing medium pump (17) and a driver's cab (21) are also arranged on the chassis frame (8). The spring devices (9) via which the four driving axles (2-5) are supported on the chassis frame (8) are constructed as pressure medium springs (10). The pressure medium springs (10) assigned to wheels arranged on one longitudinal side are connected via a pressure medium supply system (53) and a load-compensating device (54) to the pressure medium springs assigned to the wheels arranged on the other longitudinal side. An automatic transmission (12) arranged between the driving axles (3, 4), facing one another, of a front and a rear running gear (6, 7) each consisting of two driving axles (2, 3; 4, 5) is connected to each running gear (6, 7). The central drive engine (13) is arranged above the rear running gear (7) on the chassis frame (8).”

An English abstract for JP 60-8132 states: “PURPOSE: To make the safety rotation of a mixer drum and thereby improve its reliability, by forbidding engine speed control in relation to rotation in the mixer drum when a car is in a running state. CONSTITUTION: Rotation in a mixer drum 1 is detected by a speed sensor 12 and inputted into a control unit 9. On the other hand, a rotation signal being set by actuators 10 and 11 is inputted into the control unit 9 as well as compared with the said rotation signal, controlling the discharge of a hydraulic pump 4

according to operation via an electric motor 6. In addition, an engine accelerator quantity is calculated whereby an engine speed is controlled. And, when a running state detection sensor 13 detects the running state of a car, the mixer drum 1 is automatically selected to C.D.S. control so that engine speed control based on the high speed rotation setting of the mixer drum 1 does not take place any longer.”

Applicants note that the WO 2004/102105 reference is the publication of the PCT application that corresponds to this patent application. The International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application is included at the end of WO 2004/102105. DE 200 15 197 and DE 977 732 were cited as being relevant in the International Search Report.

An English translation of some of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

FEE

The \$180.00 fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17(p) to cover the fee associated with an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c) will be paid as part of the electronic filing system.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit

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